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<p>1. Headquarters and CENTREC traces on the members of <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>'s circle (paragraph 4 of reference) have produced little more than biographic data confirming their wartime records and involvement in post World War II veteran organizations. An exception is the lack of any data whatsoever on SCHULZE-KOSSENS. A thorough check of BKTRUST indices, the normal repositories of information on the Nazi era, and the usual overt reference works was made in June when KNIGHT's office advised that Identity-3 of Reference had called to announce that SCHULZE-KOSSENS planned to visit Identity-3 and asked if BKTRUST would be interested in talking to him. A WOMUSE officer who has met several times with Identity-3 in KNIGHT's behalf declined, feeling that he would have little to offer in the way of interesting or useful information.</p> <p>2. Summary information on other members of the "Kameradschafts ND" follows:</p> <p>a. Paul HAUSER (HAUSNER), born 7 October 1880 in Brandenburg, began his military career in 1899. He was a Lt. Gen. in the Reichswehr, and joined the SS in 1934. At the end of World War II was Commander in Chief of Army GRP D on the west front. Was a star witness for the defense at the SS trials in Nuernberg. Has been active in post war veterans' groups and activities and regarded as one of the more democratic influences within HTAG.</p> <p>b. Graf Lutz SCHWERIN von KOSIGK <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>, born 22 August 1887 in Rathmannsdorf. Entered the civil service in 1910, and</p>																																																																													
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except for military service during World War I, was continuously in the civil service of the Second Reich, the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich. He was connected with the Ministry of Finance from 1920, and was Finance Minister from 1932 till 1945, when he succeeded von RIBBENTROP as Foreign Minister for about a week during the Doenitz interregnum. Sentenced to ten years imprisonment in 1945, he was scheduled for release from Landsberg in 1952. (CENTREG traces are still pending. Any recent or significant information will be forwarded.)

c. Horst ISSEL [] born 10 September 1912 in Berlin. SS Hauptsturmfuehrer stationed at Amt VI, SD Copenhagen, as a member of the Sonder Kommando working against resistance and sabotage groups, using cover name Horst WALDENBURG. He managed to escape arrest in 1945. In 1949 he was arrested by British Forces in Berlin and turned over to Danish Police for extradition to Denmark where he was tried for war crimes and sentenced to death. Neither BKTRUST or CENTREG files contain information after 1949 to explain the circumstances of his survival. At the time of his arrest, he was employed by the Gehlen Organization in Berlin, using the name Hans Horst ISERMANN. He was terminated at the time of his arrest.

d. Hubert MEYER, born 5 December 1913 in Altglienicke. Former SS Colonel. Was in the automatic arrest category at the end of World War II and confined in the War Crimes Cage in Dachau in 1945. There is a gap in information until 1950 when he appears as Land Baden-Wuerttemberg representative to HIAG. CAMHISPER coverage of veterans' organizations documents his attendance at HIAG meetings and his steady rise to his current position, but adds little substantive information.

3. While we share your feelings regarding the value of Identity-2's information concerning his "intelligence network", we would appreciate being kept informed owing to his contact with Identity-3.

4. Should Identity-1 [] become of operational interest, we shall process a POA at your request.